

LOW RATES TO BOSTON.

Atlantic Coast Line Offers Attractive Trips on Account of General Convention of Episcopal Church.

The Atlantic Coast Line will sell round trip tickets to Boston, Mass., at the following rates, via the all-rail route, \$24.85, via New York and Sound Line \$23.35, on account of the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church. Tickets will be sold October 2, and 3. Return portion of tickets must be deposited with joint agent, 75 Federal street, Boston, Mass., immediately upon arrival, but not later than twenty-four hours after the expiration of going; transit limit punched in margin of ticket, and said ticket will be validated on date on which return journey is to be commenced, which must not be earlier than October 15, nor later than October 31, and when validated, by being stamped by joint agent, ticket will be good for continuous passage only, commencing on date as indicated by joint agent's stamp, and to be completed before expiration of return limit punched by joint agent, but in no case will ticket be good to leave Boston later than midnight of October 31.

Stop-overs not exceeding ten days in the aggregate will be permitted between October 31 and October 15 and October 31 on the return trip at Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington upon notice to conductors and deposit of tickets with depot ticket agents at stop-over points immediately upon arrival at such points. Such ticket agents will attach to tickets the necessary stop-over certificates extending the return transit limits. Return journey from last stop-over point must be commenced not later than October 31.

DAILY MARKET REPORT.

Special by Ware & Leland's Private Wire.

NEW YORK COTTON.				
	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Jan.	10 54	10 58	10 45	10 45
Feb.				10 49
March	10 61	10 65	10 53	10 53
May	10 65	11 68	10 56	10 56
Sept.	10 55	10 55	10 41	10 40
Oct.	10 50	10 50	10 37	10 37
Nov.	10 50	10 50	10 37	10 39
Dec.	10 52	10 55	10 44	10 44

New York spots 10 down middling 10.90, sales 700.  
Total port receipts 98,922 today vs. last week, vs. last year.

CHICAGO MARKETS.

	Opening.	Closing.
WHEAT—		
May.	111 6-	113 2-
Sept.	108 5-	110 3-
Dec.	110 3-	112 -
CORN—		
May.	49 4-	48 6-
Sept.	52 4-	52 6-
Dec.	50 -	50 3-
OATS—		
May.	32 7-	32 6-
Sept.	29 4-	29 5-
Dec.	30 5-	30 4-
PORK—		
Jan.	13.37	13.30
Oct.	11.62	11.62
LARD—		
Jan.	7.47	7.47
Oct.	7.40	7.40
RIBS—		
Jan.	6.95	6.90
Oct.	7.82	7.75

Texas Leads in Railroads.

A writer in the World's Work declares that "it is southwestward that the star of empire takes its way, for Texas has this year passed Missouri in population, and there are now only four states that contain more people—New York, Pennsylvania, Illinois and Ohio. In area, Texas is nearly a third larger than all four of them. At the present rates of increase of population, Texas will pass Ohio before 1920, Illinois before 1930 Pennsylvania by 1949 and New York by 1950, and become the most populous state in the Union. If it were as densely settled as New York now is, it would contain 41,000,000 souls and when it becomes densely populated as England or Germany is, it will contain 95,000,000. By the act of Congress admitting it into the Union, the state may be divided into as many as five states whenever the people desire division; but division has never been seriously proposed. Since 1860 Illinois has had more miles of railroad than any other state till this fall; but on September 1 Texas exceeded it, having now 11,517 miles of main track. Texas produces about one-third of our whole cotton crop. More wheat is now shipped thence than from both New York and New Orleans. Galveston is nearer the trans-Mississippi wheat fields than any Atlantic port and the Panama canal will bring it very much nearer than it now is to the Pacific ports both of North and South America. The growth of the southwest is indicated by the steady moving of the centre of population during the last census decade fourteen miles westward and three miles southward, and the center of cotton production is moving from western Mississippi across the river."

Have you read that very interesting magazine, The Smart Set?

NOTICE OF Opening of Books of Subscription

NOTICE is hereby given, that, pursuant to a commission issued to the undersigned on 24th September, 1904, by the Secretary of State, Books of Subscription to the capital stock of OSTEEN PUBLISHING COMPANY, a proposed corporation will be opened at the office of Lee & Moise, 120 North Main street, Sumter, S. C., on Monday, October 3rd, 1904, at eleven o'clock a. m.

The said corporation will have its principal place of business at Sumter, S. C., and will engage principally in the business of publishing newspapers and in transacting a general publishing and job printing establishment and such other business as it may be authorized to conduct. The capital stock of said corporation will be the sum of \$15,000.00, divided into 150 shares of the par value of \$100.00 each.

N. G. OSTEEN,  
C. P. OSTEEN,  
H. G. OSTEEN,  
N. G. OSTEEN, Jr.

MAGNOLIA NEWS NOTES.

School Opening—Boys Off for College—Personal Mention.

Magnolia Sept. 24.—Plenty of cotton to pick—the fields are snowy white, but hands are in great demand. A gale or storm at this time would prove most disastrous to farmers. This correspondent has never seen cotton marketed as fast so early in the fall. The platforms around the depot are crowded out and the cotton has to be thrown on the ground. The railroad facilities for handling this staple are not sufficient for this unusual rush in the shipping line; but the rush will soon be over, as the cotton is nearly all open, and will be picked out as fast as the hands can gather it.

Dr. E. F. Darby, wife and son were delighted with their trip to Baltimore and Washington a few days ago.

Our graded school will open on next Monday. Prof. Branson reached this place last night, and the other teachers, Miss Clack and Miss Annie Keels, will be here on time. The graded school building has been enlarged and painted. It is now quite a handsome building, for which much credit is due the ever faithful and efficient trustees who have successfully combated and overcome every obstacle that threatened defeat. The trustees of this school have done some good financing, and as a result, the building has not a dollar against it.

The protracted meeting at the Baptist church, conducted by the pastor, Rev. J. H. Mitchell, closed last night, with several accessions to the church. Mr. Mitchell is a young minister of ability and of Christian zeal. He at the start impresses his hearers with his earnestness and deep sincerity.

Young Mr. Griffin's handsome millinery store is completed and nearly all of his well selected stock in.

Contractor Magnus Watts has proven that he is a safe and reliable mechanic, and will be in demand from now on.

Rev. T. M. Dent, pastor of the M. E. Church in Lynchburg, expects to start a protracted meeting there in a few days.

Messrs. Frankie McLeod, Jack Griffin and Wilber Dent have left for college, and Ernest McFadden will leave next week.

Mr. J. A. Luckey has returned from his summer visit, of several weeks abroad, much improved.

Our genial friend, W. T. McLeod, is again favoring us with the light of his pleasant countenance, but he'll soon be on the wing again.

NEWS OF REV. KELLY.

Augusta, Sept. 26.—Chief M. J. Norris has received a letter from Rev. Geo. P. White, of Ridgeway, S. C., notifying him that on the night of the 16th he saw Rev. Wm. Aiken Kelly, pastor of the North Augusta Methodist church, on a Southern train beyond Columbia.

This is the first direct news that has been received from the missing preacher. Mr. White, who is the pastor of the Baptist church at Ridgeway, knows Mr. Kelly personally. He explains that Mr. Kelly was on the same train with him that left Columbia on the night of the day of his disappearance. Mr. White left the train at Ridgeway, 25 miles out of Columbia, and left Mr. Kelly on board.

Mr. White recognized Mr. Kelly and salutations at a distance were exchanged. Mr. Kelly was conversing with another gentleman on the train, only a few seats away from Mr. White. Before Mr. White had an opportunity to speak to Mr. Kelly his home was reached and he left the train. Mr. White declares that Mr. Kelly conducted himself as a perfectly rational man would. He judged by the animated conversation he was carrying on with the party in the same seat that he was in the best of spirits. He did not dream that anything was wrong with Mr. Kelly and was surprised on reading the account of the disappearance.

The letter from Mr. White has been turned over to Mr. Kelly's friends. They look upon it as the first piece of authentic news as to the direction in which Mr. Kelly was traveling. They do not question the identification of Mr. White, as he knows Mr. Kelly personally. It is a corroboration of the opinion they have held all along, namely, that Mr. Kelly did not remain in the vicinity of Augusta, but that he left for some point suggested by a disordered brain.

Mr. Kelly's friends are confident that further news will follow the general publication of the disappearance in the press of the country. Efforts are still being made to locate the missing man.

The Sheriffs are Responsible.

Columbia, Sept. 26.—Governor Heyward had been asked to have a prompt trial of the negro prisoner who was brought here for safekeeping by the sheriff of Darlington County. He has advised his correspondents that he has nothing to do with the setting of dates for trials or the actions of the Court, but that such matters will have to be taken up with Solicitor Johnson, and that he is satisfied that Mr. Johnson will have the case heard as soon as possible.

It might also be stated in this connection that Governor Heyward did not order, direct or suggest that the Darlington prisoner be brought to Columbia for safekeeping. The suggestion was made to him by the sheriff of Darlington County that he bring the prisoner here and Governor Heyward told him that he would have to use his best judgment in the matter. He could not advise him not to bring the prisoner, if the sheriff, who was upon the scene, thought that it was best to bring the prisoner to Columbia. If the prisoner had not been brought and anything had happened, the responsibility was upon the sheriff, and Governor Heyward simply left it in his hands to do what he thought best and safe to protect the prisoner.

Personally Governor Heyward thinks it bad to bring prisoners to Columbia for safekeeping, if they can possibly be protected at home, but circumstances alter cases, and he will not assume to dictate what should or should not be done when the sheriffs are responsible and have to exercise their best judgment.

# Grand Automobile Prize Contest!

## \$14,500 In Prizes \$14,500

Guess how many people will attend the World's Fair at St. Louis, and get an Automobile—The Machines have all been bought.

First Prize—One Peerless Touring Car	value	\$ 4,000	Eighth Prize—One Oldsmobile	value	650
Second Prize—One Royal Touring Car	value	3,000	Ninth Prize—One Oldsmobile	value	650
Third Prize—One Franklin Touring Car	value	1,300	Tenth Prize—One Oldsmobile	value	650
Fourth Prize—One Woods Runabout	value	950			
Fifth Prize—One Ford Touring Car	value	900			
Sixth Prize—One Ford Runabout	value	800			
Seventh Prize—One Ford Runabout	value	800			
			Eight Cash Prizes of \$100 each		800
					\$14,500

The World's Fair is now in progress at St. Louis. It opened the first of May and closes the first of December. How many paid admissions will there be during the entire period? Every customer of The Royal Tailors—every man, woman and child placing an order with us through any of our authorized dealers, at any time from now until Nov. 15 next—is entitled to make one guess for every dollar or fraction part of a dollar he or she pays for Royal Tailoring. The man who pays \$15 for a suit may make 15 guesses; the woman who pays \$10 for a skirt may make 10 guesses; the boy who pays \$5 for a suit may make 5 guesses, and so on. And every time you order you have the right to make additional guesses. With an opportunity to secure one of our valuable prizes, you should look ahead and see to it that the entire family is provided with wearing apparel, not only for fall and winter, but for next spring as well.

Our Automobiles have all been bought and the person who guesses nearest to the total number of paid admissions to the World's Fair will receive that grand machine—the \$4,000 Peerless Touring Car; the person who makes the second nearest guess will receive the superb \$3,000 Touring Car, and so on until the 10 automobiles listed above have been distributed. In addition to these 10 automobile prizes, we also offer eight cash prizes of \$100 each for the nearest guesses made each month, from Feb. 15 to Nov. 15, 1904, except that at the close, the time from Oct. 1 to Nov. 15 will be considered as the final "month." In explanation of these cash prizes for guesses during a given month, please bear in mind that every guess has reference to the total number of paid admissions during the entire period of the World's Fair, and that we are not asking you to guess what the attendance will be during any single month or week or day. For instance, it is apparent that during the month of August some one will make a closer guess on the total number of admissions than anybody else does (in August), and while it is possible that this guess may not win an automobile prize, still the person making it will receive our check for \$100.

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SOL J. RYTTEBERG.

DUATH OF MR. R. M. PIERSON.

Fell From Street Car and Died From Effects.

Mr. R. M. Pierson, a retired lumber man, who was until recently a resident of Walterboro, was killed by a fall from a trolley car in Savannah Saturday night. Mr. Pierson was with his fiancée, Miss Westendorff, who formerly lived in Charleston. The following account of the accident was published in the Savannah News of Sunday:

"While with the young lady whom he was to make his bride next Wednesday, Mr. R. M. Pierson, a wealthy and retired saw mill man of Walterboro, S. C., fell from a Liberty street trolley car on West Broad street at the union station early last night and sustained injuries from which he died several hours later at the Savannah Hospital.

"Miss Leah Anderson Westendorff, daughter of Mrs. James E. Westendorff, until recently of Charleston, and Mr. Pierson were to have been married Wednesday morning at the home of the bride's mother, No. 4 Oglethorpe avenue, west. Miss Westendorff's trousseau had been prepared and all arrangements had been made for the wedding.

"Early last night Miss Westendorff, her mother and Mr. Pierson started for the union station and boarded a Liberty street car. The car was almost at a standstill when Mr. Pierson stepped off for the purpose of assisting Miss Westendorff and her mother. In some way he missed his footing and fell backwards, striking on his head on the vitrified brick pavement.

"He was unconscious when assistance reached him and never spoke after falling. The police ambulance was summoned and Dr. W. W. Owens was called. Mr. Pierson was taken to the Savannah Hospital, where an examination was made. There was no evidence of a fracture of the skull, although he never regained consciousness. He died about midnight.

"Miss Westendorff and her mother went to the hospital and were almost prostrated when Mr. Pierson's death was made known to them. It had been hoped that his injuries were not of a serious nature, and his death was a great shock to his intended bride.

"Mr. Pierson, until about four years ago, was engaged in the lumber and saw mill business at Walterboro and was successful. He retired and had spent considerable of his time in traveling. Several months ago he met Miss Westendorff at her mother's home in this city, and a friendship which he had cherished for the family in South Carolina, ripened into love for the daughter he met here. All arrangements had been made for the wedding and a bridal trip was to have been made to St. Louis."

Funeral of Mr. Pierson.

The funeral of Mr. Robert Pierson, who was killed in Savannah, Ga., Saturday, by a fall from a street car, was held at the cemetery at 9:45 this morning. Mr. Pierson was a brother of Mrs. S. E. Brand, of this city, and of the late Capt. B. G. Pierson. He was a resident of this county prior to his removal to Colleton county twelve or fifteen years ago.

Dance on October 12th

Invitations are being printed for a dance to be given on October 12th, at the Sumter Light Infantry armory. Prof. Schumacher's Orchestra will be engaged for the occasion, and a very large attendance is expected. Tickets will be issued to the resident dancers at one dollar each.

To Churches of the Santee Association.

Our association will meet in Bishopville, Oct. 27th. Let us at once compare what we have done in the way of benevolence with the amounts suggested by the Executive Board, and see if we are ready to report all done that is expected. The Lord and our conscience may expect more than the board suggested.

Let us go up ready for a good meeting.

J. D. Huggins,  
Chairman Executive Board.

Farm Machinery.

The D. M. Osborne Co. Mowers, Rakes, harrows, Plows and other farm implements kept in stock and can be supplied on short notice.

Also, wagons, Buggies, and Harness. Prices low and reasonable terms to approved purchasers.

See me for anything you need.

W. B. Boyle.

Sept. 28—Pt.

ALABAMA COMPANY MUSTERED OUT.

Court Recommends That the Company on Duty When Horace Maples Was Lynched Be Dismissed.

Montgomery, Ala., Sept. 26.—Gov. Cullum today received the report of the military court of inquiry appointed to investigate the conduct of company F, Alabama National Guard, which was overpowered by the mob at Huntsville, Ala., that lynched Horace Maples, a negro.

The report, which is signed by Col. T. S. Fraser, Capt. E. D. Smith and Capt. W. F. Vaden, recommends that company F be mustered out for inefficiency and that in the future all officers be required to pass an examination on the State military law before receiving commission. Oct. 14 was the date fixed for the mustering out of the command.

The court found that Cap. R. L. Hay had no definite plan of action, and that most of the men had no load in their guns, though plenty of ammunition was to be had, also that one sentinel was overpowered and badly hurt by the mob.

It was also found that members of the military company were cursed and assaulted by the mob after the fire was set to the jail and that they lost their military identity in the crowd.

It was further found that the attack on the jail found the military sitting around on the steps and curbstones eating, also that on the night of the mob there was an entire lack of concerted effort or plans for the protection of the jail or prisoner.

"That the combined short comings of the military allowed a life to be taken unlawfully by a mob under circumstances which justify us in concluding that the same could have been prevented, thereby reflecting serious discredit upon the military called into the service."

THE WORK OF THE NIHILISTS.

Why the Russian Government is Helpless Against the Campaign of Assassination.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 27.—While some of the features of the plot which culminated in the assassination of M. Von Plehve, the minister of the interior, still baffle the police, the authorities profess to be now perfectly certain that the conspiracy was hatched in Geneva by half a dozen Russians, mostly Jews. The authorities know the names and addresses of the conspirators, but are unable to take legal action against them, owing to the failure of the laws of Switzerland to interfere with political refugees, and, therefore, Russian terrorists are at liberty, from their haven in the Alps, to continue the work of assassination of Russian ministers so long as they are able to find emissaries willing to risk their lives, the organizers never venturing to carry out their own designs. Six men who engineered the Plehve plot, according to the result of the Russian police investigation, are declared beyond a shadow of doubt, to have organized a series of political crimes. For the first time the fact is now revealed that M. Plehve's murder had been preceded by four abortive attempts to encompass his death, which the department of political police frustrated in the nick of time by the arrest of the would-be assassins, who were quietly imprisoned.

A False Alarm.

A false alarm of fire was given Friday morning a little after nine o'clock. Both teams were out of their respective houses in a remarkably short space of time; they turned down Main street going south at full tilt, and those who happened to be on the street at that time witnessed a very exciting side by side race. The horses were brought to a standstill near the railroad track and were driven back in a slow trot. From such an exhibition, Sumter's chances for capturing prizes in the proposed tournament this fall certainly appear good.

Senator Hoar Worse Again.

Worcester, Mass., Sept. 27.—At 9.15 this morning Dr. Gillman gave out the following bulletin, regarding Senator Hoar. "Senator Hoar is not any better this morning. He is still unconscious and has taken neither nourishment nor medicine, being unable swallow anything."

The official report of the Secretary of the World's Fair, showing the total number of paid admissions, will be made immediately after the close of the fair and will determine who are entitled to the prizes.

The total paid admissions to the World's Columbian Exposition, held in Chicago in 1893, was 21,480,141; the total paid admissions to the Pan-American Exposition, held in Buffalo in 1901, was 8,256,073. How many will there be at St. Louis?

This grand prize contest closes Nov. 15, and no estimates made after that date will be considered. This statement is made with the understanding that the World's Fair will extend over the period of time now contemplated. Should the fair officials make any change whereby the time is to be either curtailed or extended we may decide to change our time limit for estimates, and due announcement will be made of such change.

No person will be entitled to more than one automobile. Should two or more persons make exactly the same guess and that guess be a "prize winner," the value of the prize will be divided equally between them.

Guessing blanks are supplied by all Royal dealers throughout the United States, and customers must make their guesses on one of these blanks and have it sent to us by the dealer when he sends the order. Upon receipt of guesses we will issue certificates, which will be duly forwarded to dealers, who will deliver them to customers.

Get your guesses in early! There is nothing to be gained by waiting. There is no problem about it—nothing to "figure out"—it is guess work, pure and simple, and the figures you make today are just as likely to be the good ones as those you make tomorrow or next week. And don't forget that notwithstanding the immense outlay contemplated by this grand offer, our prices for made-to-measure garments will continue to be always the lowest for high grade individual tailoring service. We guarantee every customer entire satisfaction on each and every order—better values always than can be had from any other house in America. That's strong talk, and that is just what we mean.

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Stateburg Items.

Stateburg, Sept. 27.—The fields are white with cotton in our section, and one cannot fail to notice the small number of pickers. Why is it, when they are being paid 50c. per hundred.

Miss Mays Rees left on Friday, for Goodwill, where she is to teach this term. Her many friends wish for her a most successful year.

Miss Tillie Flud returned last afternoon from a most delightful visit to Miss Cross of Chester.

Miss E. N. Frierson leaves on Oct. 1st for Charleston where she is to study kindergarten work.

Misses Julia and Annie Holmes returned yesterday from a pleasant visit to relatives in Camden.

Mr. Early Mellette spent Sunday with the family of Mr. Froan Mellette.

Mrs. L. H. Ramsey returned from a visit to her old home in Privateer on Sunday.

Mr. W. Ervin Sparkman of Spartanburg paid a flying visit to relatives here last week.

Mr. Matt Moore leaves on Saturday for the Charleston Medical College.

Mr. J. Singleton Moore of Sumter spent a few days in our midst last week.

Advertising Doesn't Tolerate a Quitter.

According to Judicious Advertising, John Wanamaker says: "If there is one enterprise on earth that a 'quitter' should leave severely alone, it is advertising. To make a success of advertising one must be prepared to stick to it like a barnacle on a boat's bottom. He should know before he begins it that he must spend money—lots of it. Somebody must tell him, also, that he cannot hope to reap results commensurate with his expenditure early in the game. Advertising doesn't jerk; it pulls. It begins very gently at first, but the pull is steady. It increases day by day and year by year until it exerts an irresistible power."

Kingstree, Sept. 22.—Safe crackers robbed the post office here last night. They got about \$5,000 of which \$4,000 was registered packages from banks for the Bank of Kingstree.

Industry and Improvements in Ward I.

Mr. Editor: To give you an idea how Sumter is progressing, I wish to record certain observations of the past few days:

Mr. Edgar Skinner's Machine Shops and foundry on East Hampton avenue, have been on the run almost continuously, day and night, for the past two weeks. Besides, he is forced to send from 4 to 6 mechanics out into the county in different directions to keep up the ginning plants at this season of the year.

Mr. Skinner told me this morning that he had not had a wink of sleep in the past 48 hours.

Mr. J. W. McKeiver's Door, Sash and Blind Factory at the old C. S. & N. depot is pretty much in the same rush. Order after order is constantly coming in. Only about four years ago Charleston and Augusta got all the sash, door and blind orders from Sumter county, now the Sumter factories are filling orders for the above mentioned cities. He tells me that he is shipping car loads of manufactured goods to different points. And receiving glass and other stuff needed in his line by the car loads.

Another new enterprise is the "Farmers Ginning Company," located at the east end of Liberty street. They run four 70 saw gins, turning out a bale every 20 minutes. They run from six a. m. until 12 at night to keep the yard clear.

We also have several new and handsome residence just finished at the east end of Liberty street in Ward No. 1.

After we thoroughly advertise Sumter by the coming great festival, and with the pace she is going at present, Sumter city will come very near doubling herself in the next 10 years.

Observer.

Scranton, Pa., Sept. 26.—Judge Gray's decision in the check weighman question, involving all the miners in the Anthracite region was given out this morning, and while the men do not gain every point for which they contended the decision is generally accepted as a victory for the workmen.

Hunt's Round Pointed Pens for sale at Osteen's Book Store.